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For: TSG101-GAGP6 INTERACTION
AND USE THEREOF

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Respectfully submitted,

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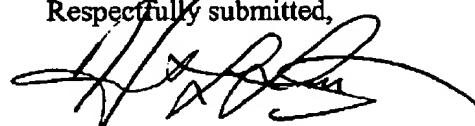
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Dear Examiner Hill;

Further to our conversation during our telephone interview yesterday, I am sending this amended claim 1 by facsimile for your consideration. Please look it over and see if the proposed amendments place the claim in condition for allowance. If so, please let me know, and I will provide a complete set of claims in a formal response amended in a similar fashion. If not, we will proceed with our appeal.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to your reply.

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Claim 1 (proposed amendment): An isolated protein complex having a first protein interacting with a second protein, said first protein being selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) Tsg101,
- (b) a Tsg101 fragment that comprises a Tsg101 UEV domain and interacts with an HIV GAGp6 late domain,
- (c) a first polypeptide that interacts with an HIV GAGp6 late domain and has an amino acid sequence that is at least about 75% identical to (a) or (b), and comprises a UEV domain, and
- (d) a first fusion protein comprising (a), (b), or (c);

and said second protein being selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) HIV GAG,
- (ii) a fragment of HIV GAG that comprises an HIV GAGp6 late domain and interacts with Tsg101,
- (iii) a second polypeptide that interacts with Tsg101 and has an amino acid sequence that is at least about 75% identical to that of (i) or (ii), and comprises a late domain, and
- (iv) a second fusion protein comprising (i), (ii), or (iii).